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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Inspection & Security Office 15 December 1952

SUBJECT: Medical Requests

1. During the preceding six months this office has received requests from four of our [redacted] medical officers for information on the use of barbiturates for interrogation purposes. These requests have presumably been stimulated by [redacted] requirements in the [redacted]

2. Since these requests properly come under the authority of the Inspection & Security Office, we are forwarding our views on the matter with recommendations.

3. Assuming that these requests have been based on [redacted] needs and that any experimentation along these lines in the [redacted] might prove to be of value in the development of your project, we recommend that all [redacted] medical officers be informed that:

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a. Requests from [redacted] medical officers for advice on policy, techniques, recent developments and ultimate use of barbiturates for interrogations be submitted for approval by the Inspection & Security Office and the Medical Office at Headquarters.

b. That these requests include detailed information as to problem and projected use of the procedure, the justification for its use, authorization by the [redacted] in the [redacted], and a list of those who will be involved in the actual interrogation procedure.

c. Each request will be approved or disapproved on an individual basis by the Inspection & Security Office and the Medical Office.

d. Suitable instructions will be sent to the [redacted] for the guidance of those individuals responsible for an authorized barbiturate interrogation in the [redacted]

4. The Medical Office will inform its [redacted] medical officers of the above procedure if approved by the Inspection & Security Office.

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Chief, Medical Staff

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